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In the Application of

MATTHEW TODD HUPP

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For: Slider For Opening Or Closing A Reclosable Fastener Disposed In A Two

Dimensional Plane

TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (With Certification)

Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

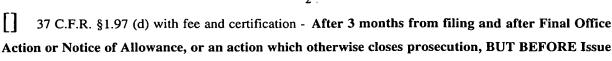
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below in a Form PTO-SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO-SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicants have not received a final action under §1.113, an action which otherwise closes prosecution, or a notice of allowance under §1.311 as of the date of this submission.

A certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted herewith.



This information disclosure statement, filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (d), is being submitted after receipt of a final action under Section §1.113, or a notice of allowance under Section §1.311, or an action which otherwise closes prosecution, but before (or simultaneously with), the payment of the issue fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fee (processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i)) for this petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed herewith for this purpose.

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